

SENATE BILL No. 392

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-22; IC 21-3-13.

Synopsis: Full day kindergarten and school readiness. Establishes a grant program for full day kindergarten and school readiness programs beginning in the 2002-2003 school year. Requires school corporations to develop a plan and submit it to the department of education and Indiana state board of education for approval before receiving a grant. Provides a \$1,500 grant per full day kindergarten pupil. Provides a school readiness program grant of \$1,200 per program enrollee. Appropriates \$185 per kindergarten ADM (average daily membership) to schools to cover costs in developing a school readiness plan.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2001; July 1, 2002.

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January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 22. School Readiness Program Plan**

5 **Sec. 1. The Indiana state board of education shall adopt rules**
6 **under IC 4-22-2 establishing the criteria for acceptable school**
7 **readiness programs that may be approved under this chapter. The**
8 **rules must provide that programs similar to the following are**
9 **approved:**

10 (1) **Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.**

11 (2) **Even Start.**

12 (3) **Transitional kindergarten.**

13 (4) **Other nationally accepted programs that improve school**
14 **readiness.**

15 **The criteria must be based on national studies and research on**
16 **school readiness programs.**

17 **Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a**



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1 full day kindergarten or school readiness program, or both. The
 2 plan must comply with the rules adopted under this chapter and
 3 must include the following:

4 (1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are
 5 consistent with the school corporation goals and state student
 6 achievement or performance goals.

7 (2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.

8 (3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential
 9 need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing
 10 rooms and including the estimated cost for additional space
 11 that would be attributable to having a program.

12 (4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus
 13 routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary
 14 expansion of transportation.

15 (5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers,
 16 aides, and other staff that would be required to maintain an
 17 eighteen to one (18:1) student to teacher ratio in full day
 18 kindergarten and the estimated cost for necessary additional
 19 personnel.

20 (6) Professional development plans for program teachers,
 21 including a description of the types and amount of training
 22 that teachers in the program will be asked or required to
 23 complete before implementing a program.

24 (7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of
 25 subject areas and activities that will be provided in the
 26 program.

27 (8) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress
 28 toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives,
 29 and expectations.

30 A school corporation that has a full day kindergarten program that
 31 allows any kindergarten age child to participate may submit a plan
 32 that describes what the school corporation is doing to satisfy
 33 subdivisions (1), (2), (7), and (8).

34 Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing to
 35 allow all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment
 36 on the plan described in section 2 of this chapter. Notice of the
 37 hearing must be given at least fourteen (14) days before the
 38 hearing in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). After the public
 39 hearing, the governing body may revise the plan and hold another
 40 public hearing on the revised plan.

41 (b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department of
 42 education for review and approval before January 1, 2002, to

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1 receive a grant for the 2002-2003 school year. A school corporation
 2 that does not submit a plan in 2001 must submit a plan to the
 3 department of education for review and approval before January
 4 1, 2003, to receive a grant for the 2003-2004 school year.

5 (c) After the department approves a plan under subsection (b),
 6 the department shall submit the plan to the Indiana state board of
 7 education for the board's review and approval.

8 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 9 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 10 1, 2002]:

11 **Chapter 13. Full Day Kindergarten and School Readiness**
 12 **Grants**

13 **Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout**
 14 **this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "full day kindergarten**
 16 **enrollment" means the ADM for children enrolled in full day**
 17 **kindergarten.**

18 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school readiness program**
 19 **enrollment" means the number of children enrolled in the school**
 20 **corporation's school readiness program even though a child may**
 21 **also be enrolled in the school corporation's half day kindergarten.**
 22 **It does not include children who are enrolled in the school**
 23 **corporation's full day kindergarten.**

24 **Sec. 4. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled**
 25 **to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to**
 26 **receive a grant for its full day kindergarten program that is**
 27 **implemented under a plan approved under IC 20-1-22. The amount**
 28 **of the kindergarten grant for a school year is the product of:**

29 (1) the school corporation's full day kindergarten enrollment;
 30 multiplied by

31 (2) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

32 A school corporation shall use the grant for its full day
 33 kindergarten program under the plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

34 **Sec. 5. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled**
 35 **to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to**
 36 **receive a grant for pupils attending a school readiness program**
 37 **(other than full day kindergarten) that is implemented under a**
 38 **plan approved under IC 20-1-22. The amount of the school**
 39 **readiness program grant for a school year is the product of:**

40 (1) the school corporation's school readiness program
 41 enrollment; multiplied by

42 (2) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200).



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1 A school corporation shall use the grant for its school readiness
2 programs as set forth in its plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

3 Sec. 6. A school corporation is not entitled to program funding
4 under this chapter until a plan is approved by the Indiana state
5 board of education under IC 20-1-22-3.

6 Sec. 7. This chapter expires July 2, 2004.

7 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Each school
8 corporation is entitled to a school readiness program planning
9 grant during December 2001 for planning and implementing a
10 school readiness program as permitted by IC 20-1-22, as added by
11 this act. The amount of each school corporation's grant is the
12 school corporation's 2001-2002 average daily membership (as
13 defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1) for kindergarten, multiplied by one
14 hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185).

15 (b) There is appropriated to the department of education from
16 the state general fund the amount needed to make grant
17 distributions under this SECTION. Distributions of this
18 appropriation shall be made in December 2001. The distributions
19 may be used only to pay for one (1) or more of the following:

20 (1) Developing and submitting the school corporation's school
21 readiness program plan.

22 (2) Professional development of kindergarten teachers under
23 the rules established by the professional standards board
24 under IC 20-1-1.4.

25 (3) Implementing full day kindergarten or school readiness
26 programs as described in IC 20-1-22, as added by this act.

27 (4) Operating full day kindergarten programs in existence on
28 January 1, 2001.

29 (c) The Indiana state board of education shall adopt emergency
30 rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 before July 1, 2001, establishing the
31 criteria for acceptable school readiness programs under
32 IC 20-1-22, as added by this act, for the 2002-2003 school year. The
33 emergency rules adopted under this SECTION expire on the
34 earlier of:

35 (1) the date rules are adopted under IC 20-1-22-1, as added by
36 this act; or

37 (2) July 1, 2002.

38 (d) This SECTION expires July 2, 2002.

39 SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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